

REMARKS

The single independent claim 1 has been amended to more clearly distinguish the subject matter thereof from the prior art. In particular, the claim sets forth a formation of a sleeve which comprises a pocket forming at least in part the bottom side and lateral side of the case. A generally rigid board is inserted into that pocket and provides an L-shaped configuration which is reinforced by a bracket attached to the outside of the fabric and board.

The Examiner cited a new reference; namely, O'Shea, U.S. Patent No. 5,782,325. This reference does not teach the subject matter as claimed; namely, the utilization of a sleeve to define a pocket into which a rigid member or board is positioned and then reinforced by a bracket attached to the outside thereof and further including other features such as the telescoping handle. Thus, it is submitted that the combination of the various references cited by the Examiner does not teach the concept of the sleeve having a pocket which receives the rigid board in combination with the other elements set forth in the claim. Reconsideration and passage to allowance of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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